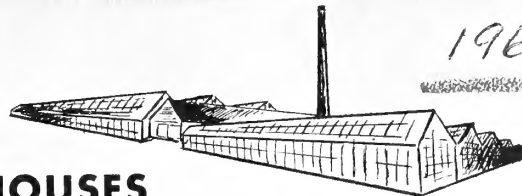


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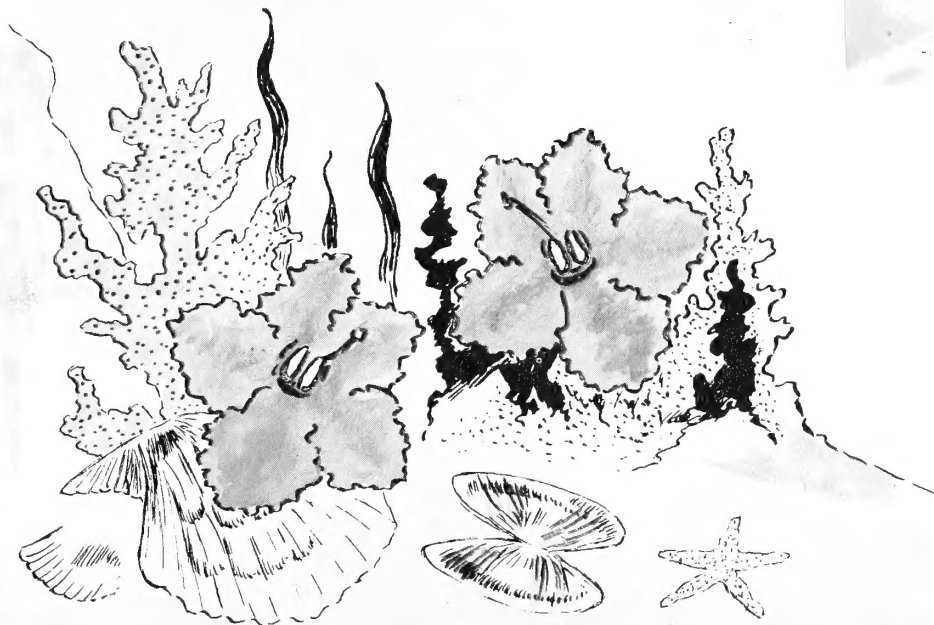
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# IT'S EASY TO GROW GOOD VIOLETS AND EPISCIAS

It is easy and the rules are few and simple. But they must be followed. Here are the most important points to consider.

**LIGHT**—Always remember that "More light will generally bring a shy bloomer into flower". People often give their plants too little light. Violets even like some direct sunshine, though prolonged exposure will cause a yellowing or "sunburn". It is generally advisable to select the brightest window of your home and then provide a little shade (curtain etc.) when the sun becomes too intense. Some people cannot find a sufficiently bright spot or perhaps they want to have violets in dark spots in the home. These folks should investigate FLUORESCENT GARDENING. Violets, Episcias and many other plants grow beautifully under fluorescent light. Complete details may be found in "An Easy Guide to African Violets", described separately.

**HUMIDITY**—Violets like a high humidity. This is difficult to provide in most homes. Bottom watering helps but since humidity is almost always a problem, proper watering becomes especially important. Occasional spraying of plants with warm water early in the day is helpful.

**WATER**—Keep soil moderately moist, neither extremely wet or dry. If you bottom water (and this is a good method) simply add water to the saucer under the pot, but allow saucer to dry completely between waterings. It is a good idea to top water occasionally (with warm water) to redistribute fertilizer in the pots.

**TEMPERATURE**—Violets are tropical plants and they should have a fairly warm temperature. Try to grow them in the range of 70°–75°F. during the day and 60°–65°F at night.

**FERTILIZERS**—Violets like a soil of medium fertility. If your plants are growing actively use a balanced feed about once a month. Soluble feeds are good, if used as directed. But guard against excessive feeding, and if plants look stunted and yellow, consider the possibility that they might be overfed. When feeding small or newly potted plants, use fertilizer at one half strength.

**SOIL AND POTTING**—The violets that you purchase need not be repotted for several months. However, do not let plants become "potbound". When transplanting or dividing violets, use sterilized soil. You can sterilize your own by heating to 180°F for 30 minutes. A well prepared soil should have good drainage and ample organic matter. Use Vermiculite or Perlite to "loosen" soil.

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## SPECIAL ADVICE ON EPISCIAS . . .

The exotic Episcias, like violets native of the tropics, are related to the violets and require similar conditions for growing and flowering. Remember these points however. The Episcia needs somewhat more light than a violet for best bloom and growth. The Episcia is more easily chilled than a violet and requires higher temperature. The Episcia is naturally a vine and grows best in a situation where it can make pendulous growth. They are much at home in hanging baskets, in wall brackets or on window shelves. Ample light must be given and plants should not be chilled. The Episcias in general take some extra effort, but we consider that the rewards they offer in new flower colors, fine and interesting foliage and appealing new growth habit justify the extra care that they require.

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